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The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$54.00.

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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider and enter the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 25 without prejudice.

Please add claims 26 - 56 as follows:

26. (New) A fluid separating apparatus for separating liquids and solids from a fibrous material containing a multicomponent fluid, said apparatus comprising:

an upwardly sloping channel with a closed lower end and an outlet at the upper end;

an axially extending conveyor screw disposed in said channel;

a lower part of said channel forming a tilted floor segment of a filter tank with a closed end and an open end;

an upper part of said channel wherein the outlet projects beyond an edge of said filter tank in the closed tank end;

a separation material intake wherein the multicomponent fluid to be separated may be introduced, centered between the open and the closed end of said filter tank; and